

Poor Government Publicity Results in Student Aid Application Drop

OFS News Release

Applications for student aid are down sharply at Ontario universities this year as a result of ineptitude on the part of the Ministry of Colleges and Universities.

"Blame for the large drop in applications rests squarely on the Ministry's shoulders," Chris McKillop, Chairperson of the 160,000 member Ontario Federation of Students said.

This year for the first time, the Ministry did not send OSAP applications to students who received assistance last year. The Ministry has abandoned this mailing, which ordinarily draws a response rate of about 40 to 50%, without even properly informing people beforehand. Furthermore, application forms arrived on campus late this year because the first 400,000 forms were printed incorrectly.

Due to the slow pace of applications, OFS circulated public service announcements to Toronto radio stations last week, urging the students to apply for financial assistance.

"The response we received demonstrated the lack of information about student aid," commented McKillop. "We have taken over 100 calls from students, most of whom had never heard of OSAP."

"We are especially alarmed at the apparent lack of knowledge about student aid at the high school level," McKillop continued. "Most of the people we heard from were first year students who had apparently never been told of OSAP."

"It is imperative that the government embark on a serious campaign to get information about OSAP to high school students. We would be satisfied if we could be certain that everyone graduating from high school is aware that grants are available."

"Because so many eligible students have not applied this year, we are demanding that the government run a special advertising campaign to make sure everyone who can benefit from the plan knows about it," McKillop concluded.

Rebuttal

by
Cam Johnston

Pardon me sir, I'd like to say something about that last article from the OFS.

Who do those stupid jerks think they are trying to kid!

That move not to mail application forms to all those who applied last year was not caused by ineptitude, it was the result of some good old common sense! Like 400,000 less stamps used means a saving of \$68,000.00.

This mailing only results in a return rate of about 40 to 50 percent, which by mail order advertising standards would be quite good, but this is not the mail order ad business. This is EDUCATION, a serious matter and if the students don't know how they are going to finance their next year's schooling, maybe they shouldn't be thinking about post secondary education at all.

It's a good thing the OFS did launch their campaign through public service announcements on the Toronto radio stations. That means the Ontario government won't have to, and Heaven knows they give away enough political plums in the form of useless advertising contracts to party faithful advertising agencies each year as it is.

As for the statement that they have received so many calls from people who don't know anything about OSAP, that seems too much like manipulating the facts to suit one's own needs. Any high school student who is leaving grade 13 and is seriously thinking about going to university or college is sure to know about student loans, where to get them and how to

use the system. High school guidance counsellors do do something for their money and it looks good for them if they encourage students to go to university so they do everything possible to make sure the student knows about OSAP and therefore won't have any money problems during the next year in school.

Yes the OFS probably would be satisfied if they were certain every student graduating from high school was aware of OSAP. That, after all would mean a lot more money for them. For a school to be part of the OFS they have to contribute \$0.10 per student on the register. GBC does not belong to the OFS.

It is also interesting to note that they are only concerned with people getting their grants on time. How about the loans? What about all the people who have every intention of re-paying the money that they borrow to go to school.

The OFS news release is a lot of hogwash and their demands are not practical. It's nice to see the Ontario government saving a bit of money here and there and not only that, if the students who are not serious about their education wait for the Ministry to send them the application forms, they will be waiting a long time. Then maybe they won't get to go to school. Then maybe there will be room for more genuinely interested students and in the long run, the standard of education will improve. And if the students can't look after their own needs, it looks like those standards really could use some improvement.

THE CYGNUS

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Graphic Arts Wins Administration Award

The Graphic Arts Division has been awarded the St. James Administration Award for their assistance in the poster design and production for Multi-Cultural Day.

Louis March, St. James SAC Business Manager, presented the award to J.T.A. Wilson, Dean of the Graphic Arts Division during a short ceremony held on June 22.

March also congratulated the Graphic Arts students for their involvement in other campus activities such as blind volleyball, curling and their work on the CYGNUS.

"The students have all benefited from your valuable input to the social life at George Brown," March told the Dean.

Mr. Wilson and March joined together in expressing the hope that the same degree of co-operation and school spirit can be maintained in the 1979-80 school year.



STUDENT WINS
GRAPHIC ARTS
AWARD

George Brown Student Jackie London has become the first woman ever to win the coveted Howarth Gold Medal Award for Graphic Arts.

Ms London had been studying advanced design and mark-up at GBC and she credits her instructor John Ward with giving her the background knowledge that made winning the award possible. London also says that a great deal of her skill is the result of a rare and valuable work opportunity that Mr. Ward set up for her.

For the latter two thirds of her course she had the pleasure of working with Mr. Ed Pryzbeck, an employee of the prestigious Mono Lino Type-setting Company. Mr. Pryzbeck is recognized as being one of the leading mark-up men in the graphic arts field in the City of Toronto.

The 1979 Gold Medal had already been struck in advance of winner's name being announced and it caused some of consternation when it was discovered that the winner was a woman.

"I am an energetic worker and I love the challenge of problem solving and producing quality work," Ms London said. "My success really goes back to my experience with Pryzbeck. Mark-up is a life-time of study and I'm still a novice but he



J.T.A. Wilson, Dean of the Graphic Arts Division and Louis March, St. James SAC Business Manager display the trophy for Administration Award.

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taught me some special ways of handling problems that I never would have learned in school."

"I was very fortunate in

having both Pryzbeck and Ward teaching me and I really owe thanks for this honour to both of them."

EDITORIAL

Manpower Council Not Needed or Wanted

What on earth could possibly make the Casa Loma SAC think that the school needs a Manpower Student's Council? To begin with, the title in itself sounds like some kind of civil servant job, but apart from that, why should the Manpower students be treated any differently from the other students?

Casa Loma owes its very existence to its 2200 Manpower students, because without them, the 700 or so fee-paying students wouldn't have half the facilities that they presently have. The school is paid for on the basis the number of students in attendance there, not based on the number of students who pay a certain tuition fee every semester.

The school needs something to bring the students all together. A separate council for the Manpower students will only isolate the two groups of students even more so than they already are.

More good would be accomplished if the Manpower students were at least allowed to vote in the Casa Loma student elections.

At the St. James Campus, all students are allowed to vote in the SAC elections. Also, when St. James Council is incorporated as a non-profit corporation later on this year, there will even be room on the Board of Directors for Manpower representation.

At St. James, they have one council elected by all the students, for all of the students; not one for "us" and another for "them" as it seems the Casa Loma SAC favours.

In a brilliant display of tact at its worst, the Casa Loma SAC has called the Manpower students "non fee-paying" and, perhaps the most ludicrous phrase of all, "non post secondary" students.

Not only does this sanctimonious terminological smack of the most blatant discriminate going, but it shows that the Casa Loma SAC has not done their homework. Certain members of the Casa Loma SAC would probably be quite surprised to learn just how many Manpower students have already completed high school, other CAAT schools and even university, thank you very much.

If the proposal for separate council is carried through, and we sincerely hope it won't be, and if allowed to progress to its logical extreme, we might just see separate councils for the immigrant students too. After all, in many classes, the new Canadians outnumber native born Canadians by quite a large majority, just as the Manpower students outnumber other students by about three to one.

The majority of students who are going to school with the help of Canada Manpower are serious, hard working, and dedicated. It's about time the Casa Loma SAC started to recognize them as being a valuable part of the school's academic and social structure.



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Letters to the Editor

June 4, 1979

The Student Council
George Brown College
St. James Campus
Toronto, Ontario

Gentlemen:

Re: Bicycle Security

In March, I started riding my bicycle to school, and locking it to the tree outside the front door. It has been my experience that busy places are the best in which to leave a valuable bike.

In the middle of April, I am not sure of the exact date, a bulletin was read in class saying that we could not leave our bicycles around the school, but that we must leave them in the racks provided in the parking lot. I inquired as to the safety of this spot, and was assured by a teacher, the general office, and the parking lot attendant that this spot was supervised, and very safe.

The ticket system was to insure safety. In the morning, the bikes are ticketed and the cyclist is given a stub with a corresponding number. At the end of the day you return your stub, and then, and only then, I was told, you may take your bicycle. It is a good system I suppose, except that I rarely saw the attendant at the end of the day, or anytime throughout the day when I was walking by. On Friday, June 1, my bike was stolen. It took me five different trips to

the parking lot and over three hours to locate the attendant to tell him.

The principal was not even interested, let alone sympathetic when I told him. He said it was illegal to park a bicycle on the sidewalk. This may be so, but in four years of doing so throughout the city, I have never been reprimanded. It was also admitted to me, after the theft, that the attendant leaves at three o'clock in the afternoon.

I think it is up to the Student Council to make students aware of the deficiencies in the security system in the parking lot. I also think that we the students should demand a system of tighter security. The ticket system as it exists is a bogus charade, which serves only to fool the cyclist into thinking his bicycle is safe while he is at school.

I have discussed this problem with some fellow student cyclists and we feel that the following should be done:

- Warnings of the faulty security system should be posted on bulletin boards.
- A petition should be made among students for tighter security.

We would like to support of the Student Council on this matter.

Yours truly,

Pat Stuart
Home room 264

Protection Against Bicycle Theft is Non-Existant

By Cam Johnston

Following Ms Stuart's complaint, the Student Council did look into the problem of where to store one's bicycle while at school. The Bursar's Office, which is responsible for regulations concerning parking and the parking lot attendants, gave a most unsatisfactory reply to SAC queries.

In a "tough luck" sounding memo, the college advised that they could not accept any responsibility for damage or theft to any (student's) vehicle i.e. cars included, while parked on college property.

The memo also stated that just as a matter of interest,

the wording on those little parking tickets issued by the attendant should read *vehicle*, and not just cars.

The only suggestion that the Bursar's Office could come up with is that the students should register their bicycles with the police department as this makes it easier for the bike to be returned to its rightful owner in the event of loss or theft.

This suggestion is of little value since according to the police, only 100 of the 2,600 bikes stolen in the first quarter of this year were returned to their owners. Last year, 9,700 thefts were reported, but only 605 of the bikes ever found their way

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back to their owners. Annual police auctions disposed of 3,000 more. The rest were never recovered.

While registering bicycles with the police may be a good idea, it is not a solution to the problem. What the students need is a spot where they can park and still be reasonably sure their bikes will not disappear during the day.

The Bursar's Office takes the position that while "every effort will be made to discourage thieves, permanent surveillance of the parking lot is not possible."

This brings to mind two questions: 1) How can they afford surveillance outside the school to make sure students don't park where they are not supposed to, if they cannot even afford proper surveillance of a pay parking lot where the students are told to park? 2) How do they expect to "discourage thieves" as they say, when the security guard is only on the job until 3:00 p.m.?

Head office should at least go part way in trying to accommodate the needs of students who bring bikes to school. As it is right now, you can chain your bicycle to the outside of the school building where it will be reasonable safe, but you will probably be hassled by either the custodians, the head office people, or Metro's finest. Legally the staff has no right to prevent you from parking your bike there because the sidewalks and adjoining fixtures (trees and parking meters) are public property. On the other hand, you can leave your bicycle in the parking lot where you will receive a nice little ticket, complete with a short disclaimer on it, telling you that if your bike is ripped off, that's your problem.

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Secretaries: The Power Behind the Scenes

by Vanessa Magness

Picture yourself at a desk where, along with a host of other responsibilities is a three line telephone system. All three are busy. On one line is a salesman. He says he has spoken with the Dean (your boss) on a previous occasion, and he absolutely must speak to him again. The Dean has gone to a meeting, having left instructions that he is not to be disturbed. On the second line is a potential employer of George Brown College students. He also must speak to the dean now. The third is a personal call, an emergency. What to do?

Juggling this assortment of calls is one duty of a dean's secretary. Each call must be handled diplomatically. She must decide whether or not one actually gets through to the Dean and never (horrors!) get the calls mixed up.

The job description for a Dean's secretary is not very impressive. Typing. Filing. Taking shorthand. Pretty dull stuff, eh? And certainly not for you. Actually her position is more challenging than this. She must deal with students. A lot of them come into the office with problems, a lot of them wanting to see the dean. But being well acquainted with college matters, she can often handle them herself. Why not go directly to the Dean you ask? Is it not best to go to the top? Sometimes. And why won't the Dean see you, all the time? It is because there are so many other demands made on his time. Mr. Wilson, Dean of the Graphic Arts Division, told me that forty per cent of his time is devoted to overall college concerns (not concerns of the graphic arts department alone). He must make the most efficient use of his time. If the secretarial staff were not capable of intercepting a lot of the calls directed to him, he could not function properly.

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There are not so many students bringing their bikes to school that it would pose a safety problem if they chained them to the iron railings around the Adelaide Street side of the building.

Perhaps the college could allocate a safer location for bikes. If space was available for bicycle parking, the Student Council would be willing to try and work out a system whereby sturdy bicycle racks would be installed at very little cost to the school or SAC.

Realistically, the administration cannot be criticized for not reimbursing students for the loss of their bikes, but the people in head office might get more respect from the students if they at least took notice of student problems, and did something about them, instead of simply dismissing them with memos that say nothing and do less.

He (Wilson) views the position of the secretarial staff as one of great importance. They do a lot of public relations work on those telephones lines, he says, and a lot of the same face to face. There are students, potential students, teachers, support staff, administrators, sales people, people in industries, all of whom must be treated diplomatically. And if they were not polite, knowledgeable, and discreet, the reputation of George Brown College would plummet.

Discretion & Enthusiasm are the key words. A lot of confidential information crosses the secretarial desk. Student records and marks, staff records etc. all must be treated with strict confidence.

What about the attitude of G.B.C.'s secretaries toward the staff and students? Do they isolate themselves behind their desks, insulated against social contact by their responsibilities and divine decree? Certainly not all of them. And attitude plays a

great part in determining how they are treated by other people. Those I spoke to said they have a sense of belonging. The students treat them as friends. They are invited to join in student activities, not as token gestures, but as members of the college.

It was suggested to me that we do a survey to learn more about student attitude toward George Brown's secretarial staff. As it was too close to publication date no decision has been made on this matter. However, if any students have views they would like to express, they are invited to send them to the Editor for next month's issue of The Cygnus.

I asked for some comment to pass along to Cygnus readers from all the office staff of G.B.C. I had one - "Just tell them we're doing our jobs, keeping things running."

From the Health Clinic

The sun can be an enemy as well as a friend and exposure to the sun should be taken by degrees. We all have substances in our skin cells called melanocytes. When the skin is exposed to sunshine, these cells start producing an increased amount of natural pigment that protects the skin from the sun's rays. Blondes and redheads, with fair skins, build very little of this extra protective layer, called melanin, so they tend to reddened instead of tanning. Whatever your skin type, use a suntan cream or lotion before sunbathing.

The following is a suggested timing plan for sunbathing for various types of skin.

Medium skin 20 min.
Olive skin 25 min.

2nd Day	3rd Day	4th Day
20 min.	25 min.	30 min.
25 min.	30 min.	35 min.
30 min.	35 min.	40 min.

Avoid the sun between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. when starting a tanning program. Do not look directly at the sun. Heat rays can burn the retina of the eye causing permanent damage.

A first aid treatment for sunburn is immersion in cool water which gives a soothing effect. Also, there are skin lotions available by prescription or commercially. However, any severe case of sunburn should be referred to a physician.

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The Gremlins Got Us!

Okay, okay, we made a few mistakes. Every paper in the world is plagued with Printer's Devils once in a while ... this time it was the CYGNUS' turn. You know how it is ... end of school, we all want to get out in the sun; hang-overs from the graduation celebrations; negotiating and then turning down offers from UPI and Reuters to cover the Toronto scene etc. We get really busy and a few mistakes slip by our usually careful scrutiny.

Anyhow, we know you're probably wondering what the hell happened in those places, so we'll tell you. We are going to point out our copy slips and tell you what they should have said ... just like when the Star makes a mistake every Wednesday in their Dominion ad and offers a can of Leaver's Mushrooms at a ridiculously low price.

Page 1) That guy holding out his huge trophies for all to see is Glen Grierson, the school's most outstanding student for the 1978-79 year ... sorry about that Glen.

Page 2) The editorial cartoon that we lifted from the National Union of Students newsletter ... it did have a caption and you've guessed it must have been something witty and clever but it seems

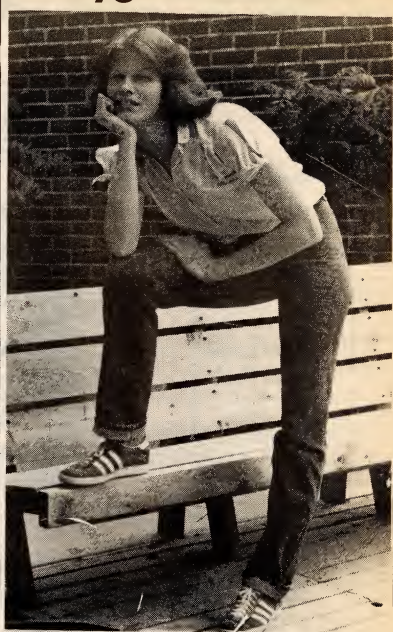
to have disappeared. Actually, the guy behind the desk is yelling at Superman, saying "Listen Clark, you've got to stop flying around screaming 'this is a job for Superman', there aren't any jobs." Ha Ha! A very timely joke ... go have a good laff. Wasn't that funny?

Page 4) The picture of all those people lying around looking relaxed ... actually they're patients at the dental clinic up at Casa Loma and the Extended Care Dental Hygienists are working out on the patients' choppers ... bet you thought they had just been hanging out in the student lounge a bit too long didn't you?

That ad on page 8 for 373 Queen Street, West, well, that one has got us puzzled too, but the advertiser will probably let us know soon enough. Anyhow, go to 373 QUEEN STREET, W., and spend lots of money there. Tell the owner you're from George Brown and if he calls us up, we'll give him a make good ad, free and all there, this time.

That's all. Thank you for your patronage. Sorry we got you confused in the last issue. We now return you to our regular newspaper features. ED

Cygnus Woman



Susan is the Cygnus Girl for the Summer issue. She comes to us from the Graphic Arts Dept. and says her favourite past-times are playing tennis and frisbee.

Education: One of the Great Bargains of Our Time

It's not something most people plan for in their monthly budgets, but for some students, the daily cost of their education may seem like one of the last good deals of the time. Cheaper than a long distance phone call to Mother, cheaper than a bottle of beer (Brador, please) and if things keep going the way they have been, by next year, almost as cheap as the TTC.

Consider this: Students who are enrolled in, or who plan to enrol in Tuition Short Programs (an administrative euphemism for students who pay their own way in certain Manpower Courses) will have their tuition fees boosted by \$0.50 per day, effective September 1/79.

Doesn't sound like too much, does it? Read on. Students who enrol in these tuition short programs have to pay their fees on a monthly basis. At present, the rate is \$7.50 per week, or \$30.00 a month. As of September 1st, these rates will increase to \$10.00 weekly and \$40.00 per month.

That may seem like a lower rate than ordinary students pay, but it still works out to \$360.00 for a full nine month course.

Most regular students pay between \$420.00 and \$825.00 for their courses, but \$35.00 of that goes toward student activity fees and depending on the program, a large part of it will be taken up by lab and material costs.

Students who are presently enrolled in TSP's and who will still be attending school after September 1st, can continue paying \$7.50 per week for the duration of their course time, providing the full balance is paid before September 1st.

Plug-ola

The CYGNUS is not normally a newspaper to take bribes or consider giving away advertising space without some form of the old quid pro quo, but when it comes to something that might help out some GBC employees, then we may be inclined to bend the rules a little.

The SQUASH ACADEMY at 16 Queen St. East is offering FREE squash clinics to employees of George Brown College. The clinics will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at either 5:45 or 6:45. Please call the Academy at 862-8533 for more details.

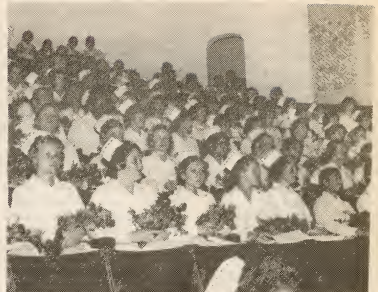
If you are too busy to make it for the clinic, but are interested in the club anyway, you can stop off over there for a lunch at their health food cafe. The menu is said to have some inexpensive salads and light lunches that are tops in this city. You will have to pay the guest fee for these lunches.

Why not stop in and give it a try. You have nothing to lose and we may get some more future advertising.

This offer is open to employees of George Brown College only.



Sister Marion Barron, Dean of Nursing was presented with a bouquet of roses by the 1979 graduate Nursing class, when the graduation exercises which were held at Convocation Hall on July 6th. Sister Marion will be retiring in August.



1979 Graduates in the Nursing program gathered at Convocation Hall on July 6th.

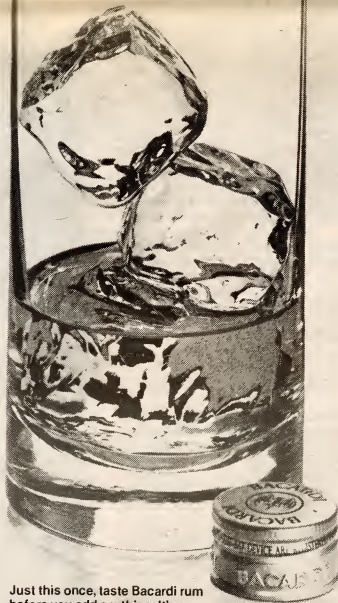
Summer sun

*How wonderful to see the sun!
Without you I am sad and listless
You sustain all life, my hope.
My energy soars when you are seen.
Behold, how beautiful to see the sun!
When I arise and you are hidden by a cloud
I am really discouraged and sad.
You see, you are an energy to life.
You may be hot in summer,
But I can survive with relaxation
Under your magical influence.
I see love and beauty in the face of people
Everywhere especially in summer.
In summer you bring out the magic of life.
Everyone seems to enjoy you in summer.
We hustle here, we bustle there
Camping along the trees, the mountains
Hiking here, picnicking there, loving you.
Skiing, fishing, boating, loving you.
Frolicking under your enchantment.
Then summer steals away
And the feeling is not the same.
Something inside me seems to lie dormant.
You light up the universe, spring, summer
Autumn, winter.
But until you shine again in spring summer
I shall see you in radiant beauty loving you.
Behold, how good it is to see the sun!*

Evelyn C. Elcock



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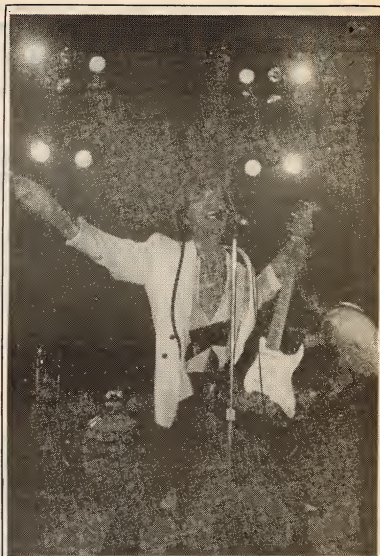
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HAVE A SET PATH...OR IS IT JUST
LEADING YOU IN CIRCLES

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when team members know you as a
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you quite frequently. One-man
team guys seldom lose their touch, for
they shut out their tributaries.

ENTERTAINMENT

with CHRISTINE COOPER

BLURBS

by Irene Piskinella

Ontario Place attractions for August will include these performers: Charles Aznavour, August 9; Chuck Mangione, August 11, 12; Peter Tosh, August 13; Trooper, August 14; ... C.N.E. Grandstand shows have been announced and confirmed acts include Burton Cummings, Fogner, Triumph and Beach Boys ... Dire Straits have been assisting on Bob Dylan's soon to be released new album. Apparently, Dylan is rumored to have become a born again Christian and is supposedly reflecting some of his new beliefs on his album ... Southside Johnny and the Ashbury Jukes have been signed to a new label and will be releasing a new album very shortly ... tickets for the Supertramp concert broke records here in Toronto; seems they sold more tickets than any other act in the city, they broke Rush's record for their three concert sellout at the Gardens last New Years ... Led Zeppelin will be releasing a new album shortly, it is in its last stage of production ... last month we recommended album buys such as Rickie Lee Jones, and this month Ms.

Jones' album is number 2 on the charts! ... last month Blondie played to a 20,000 strong crowd at Ontario Place and the night before their appearance they jammed with Teenage Head at Larry's Hideaway, it was a surprise appearance but, you'd have never thought that it was an on the moment type of Jam as they really cooked with songs like "Bang a Gong", as usual Debra Harry was her sultry self ... suggested album buys of the month are Charlie Daniels' "Million Mile Reflection", Dire Straits' "Communicue", The Cars' "Candy O", Wings' "Back to the Egg" and Donna Summers' "Bad Girls" and Jean Luc Ponty's Live Album ... it was very sad to hear of Lowell George's death last month, George, the founder of Little Feat had a reputation of being among the best musicians with admirers such as Mick Jagger and Linda Ronstadt. George is survived by his wife and three children. His presence will be missed sorely by the likes of Frank Zappa who George used to play with before he formed Little Feat.



EARTH, WIND & FIRE

Album Review: Earth, Wind & Fire "I Am!"

What can I say about Earth, Wind and Fire except that like good wine they just keep getting better with age. Last month Earth, Wind and Fire released their latest album "I Am" on Columbia Records. From what I can see it has been well received and deservedly so. Unlike so many bands that seem to exhaust their resources after a few albums Earth, Wind and Fire just keep on producing Gold and Platinum albums.

To Me Earth, Wind and Fire is the equivalent of The Temptations in the eighties. The music exemplifies such tightness and raw energy that when one is listening to this album you would think that they are live in your livingroom. This album is one of the summer's best buys and I know that I will spend the summer nights listening to Earth, Wind and Fire. And Al, my pal, this one is for you.

The first single release "Boogie Wonderland" (which is my least favorite cut) is not really indicative of the rest of

the album. With vocal backups from the Emotions, this single is already on its way to the top ten. The best news about this album is that after you have heard the single, the album goes up hill from there. The single may be hot, but the album as a whole is a lot hotter!

Group leader, Maurice White is a musical wizard who literally casts a musical spell on our ears by carefully combining some very unique sounds that we instantly identify as Earth, Wind and Fire. Without selling themselves out to disco, Earth, Wind and Fire mix vocals that are as smooth as silk with a very funky beat that has some R&B overtones and finally blends it all together with that rich brass sound that just makes you want to get up and dance! The result are tunes like "Wait", "In the Stone" and "Let Your Feelings Show", whose harmonies are so clear that you wonder how they ever managed to press them onto vinyl. There are also slight contemporary jazz connotations which are present on the all instrumental cut "Rock That". The only weak spot in "I Am" lies in Earth, Wind and Fire's use of lyrics. It seems that we have heard them before, perhaps on some of their previous works?

Still the innovative sounds of this band somehow make you overlook the weak lyrics because you'd probably be too busy harmonizing along the band to even notice them.

Movie Reviews

THE MUPPET MOVIE

by Irene Piskinella

The Muppets do it again! Audiences wondered if they could keep up on screen what they manage to do for a half hour every week, they proved they could.

Following the familiar plot of ... oh, frog seeking stardom in Hollywood, the Muppets set out on a treacherous journey and encounter various villains and obstacles en route. How they get in and out of these situations is unique thanks to the excellent screenplay and specials effects that go into the movie.

The most humorous part of the movie is somewhat side-splitting in typical slapstick humor. There are some, though few, dull spots that cause a brief loss of momentum. For example, Kermit sings a slow song once too often. However, the addition of several stars (including Dom DeLuise, Elliot Gould, Bob Hope, Cloris Leachman, Steve Martin, Richard Pryor, Telly Savalis, Orson Welles and many more) definitely add to make this a talent-filled production. Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy also make their last screen appearances as beauty contest judges. All music was by Paul Williams who also starred in the show.

Pissy Piggy, one of the more talked about Muppets, emerged as a star again. Put my name on the list to nominate her as best actress of the year. After all, anyone who can wipe out a whole gang of hoodlums with a series of well-delivered karate chops certainly deserves an award!

MOONRAKER

Hope you're not expecting a good spy thriller. You should instead prepare yourself for a comedy.

James Bond 007 gets himself into some hilarious predicaments never before seen in his movies, as he now puts his talents to work in outer space.

In this episode, Roger Moore sets out to capture a cunning villain who intends to destroy the world's population. The plot gets somewhat jumpy and a lot of it does not seem to make sense, but my biggest disappointment was that

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several parts were just too unbelievable. Bond is just too cool. I never felt that he was ever in any real danger, nor did I feel that he did anything very spectacular in his bids for freedom. The thrill of danger and excitement was absent in his production.

The women were, in typical Bond fashion, plentiful. It must have been the legend they were after, because Roger Moore did not come through as very appealing to me. If anything, he was blasé.

Special effects were done well in the freefall scene and the outer space scenes. The rest was average. Lois Chiles played her part well, but in all honesty, it didn't seem very difficult. Most of the characters were shallow, due to lack of development.

All in all, "Moonraker" leaves a lot to be desired. As a comedy, it will pass as average. As a spy thriller movie it won't pass at all.

ROCKY II

In the true sense of the word, "Rocky II" is a good sequel to "Rocky". Instead of attempting to make a few more bucks on the original, "Rocky II" actually finishes off the story where the original leaves off.

In the original, the audience doesn't get to know Rocky Balboa that well. We don't know his weaknesses or his driving forces, his inner feelings or his strengths. The prospect of fighting the world champ made him tick and gave him the chance to become something other than just a bum.

"Rocky II" goes into more depth and develops the character to the point where we understand his feeling. We now see his weaknesses, his simplicity, and his basic emotional needs, his desire to make Adrian happy. A lot of time is spent developing this aspect, the contrast of how such a strong man can be so weak, and how much it takes for him to give it all.

Burgess Meredith plays the part of Mickey, Rocky's coach. He is the real driving force as he puts Rocky through the grind, both physically and mentally. Meredith does a fine job in portraying the push factor, and he does everything conceivable to psych Rocky up and keep him there.

The main question after the first "Rocky" was "Who won?" Technically, the Champ retained his title, but people doubted it a clean win. "Rocky II" answers all questions from both movies, and in this sense the time span between these movies was more like a long commercial break. If you saw "Rocky", you have to see "Rocky II". As for "Rocky III?" Well, that might be overdoing a really good thing.

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Anyone For Volleyball?

Did you know that in spite of the current absence of a school gym, a volleyball series took place this school year between teams made up of faculty and students at St. James Campus.

This was disclosed recently by Mr. Barry Bevan, a Graphic Arts instructor. The games took place during the first and second semester of the school year, ending just on the first week of May. The second series was won by the Electronics division, while the first one was won by Graphic Arts.

"Most departments," said Mr. Bevan, "took part in it, including Nursing and Watchmaking. Departments with a small number of participants and its members joined other teams. Some

All the games took place from 12:00 - 1:00 in the Atrium. Although most students of the 40-week courses finish class at 12:30, many of them were able to form a team which also participated in the series. The teams were eliminated one by one until the championship match.

Although strictly a "lunch-time" affair, the games were enjoyed very much, both by the participants and the spectators. The students too enjoyed playing with the teachers, especially beating them in the competition. It was good, said Mr. Bevan. He looks forward to it again, the same time next year.

Divisions, particularly the big ones were completely made up of members of the same department."



Students from the Electronics Department were champions in the second series of the GBC volleyball championships.

Construction begins on St. James Gym

Construction on the much talked of St. James gymnasium is finally underway.

Workers moved onto the site (the roof) early in July to begin building the \$550,000.00 sports complex.

Construction will consist of two phases, with Phase I

consisting of the gym itself, coaches rooms, a multi-purpose room. The area will also have a spectators' viewing area, offices and washrooms. Facilities for basketball and floor hockey are also planned.

Phase II of the structure is

still in the offing and it will house a squash court, a recreation room and a fitness centre. No specific date and no money has been set aside for Phase II as yet.

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